

House Resolution No. 3132

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the important role which this state's public schools have played in the educational development of many young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, Diamond Middle School in the Diamond R-IV School District in Diamond, Missouri, has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2003-2004 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Diamond Middle School was formally recognized as a Gold Star School during a special event hosted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and State Farm Insurance on May 3, 2004; and

Whereas, one of ten middle schools chosen to receive the prestigious Gold Star Award, Diamond Middle School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria which include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies; and

Whereas, Diamond Middle School received the Gold Star Award based on its three consecutive years of increased MAP scores:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the students, faculty, and staff at Diamond Middle School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Diamond Middle School.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3132, adopted May 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker